



# St Margaret's Academy

## ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #6  
6th June 2025

Dear Families

Welcome back! The second half of the summer term has begun. This is a time for the pupils to continue their exciting learning, participate in extracurricular activities to promote growth and enjoyment, and start to prepare for the next school year, whilst enjoying the warmer weather.

### Year 1 and Year 2 Recycling & Composting Workshops

On Friday Year 1 and 2 welcomed Alex Mack into school who taught them all about composting, growing and the wonders of minibeasts. We all got up close to some mini beasts in action and Year 2 children have planted their own pea plants to nurture over the rest of the summer term. As always, the children thoroughly enjoy these workshops and they support our science work fantastically across the curriculum. In addition to this fabulous workshop the children also explored the importance of recycling, reducing waste, and encouraging sustainable practices.



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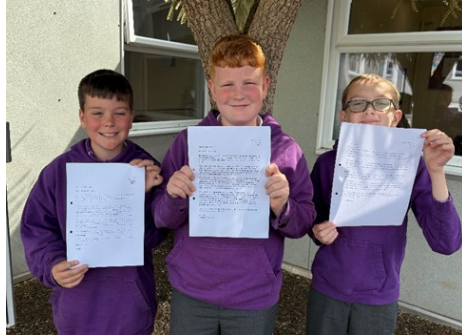


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## Year 6 Writing

Our Year 6 pupils have been immersed in creative writing exploring the experiences and emotions of the World War 2 evacuees. The children could talk with confidence and depth of knowledge regarding how the War impacted on the lives of the children but also how the local area was impacted during this time. Dylan, Max and Noah explained that they thoroughly enjoy their historical writing sessions as it really brings the emotions and experiences to real life and helps them to understand and connect to their history. I had the privilege of listening to their letters being read aloud and how they carefully consider what emergency belongings they would take with them on their journey to an unknown place. Please take the time to have a [listen](#) to what Noah, Dylan and Max shared to their families during this difficult time.



## Year 6 Super 6 Award

We are really pleased with the nineteen Year 6 pupils that have achieved their 'Super Six' award in special mention assembly for being super role models in our school community.

*Team Super 6 always follow the school values so that they are:*



**Aspirational:** in their learning and in setting a good example to others.

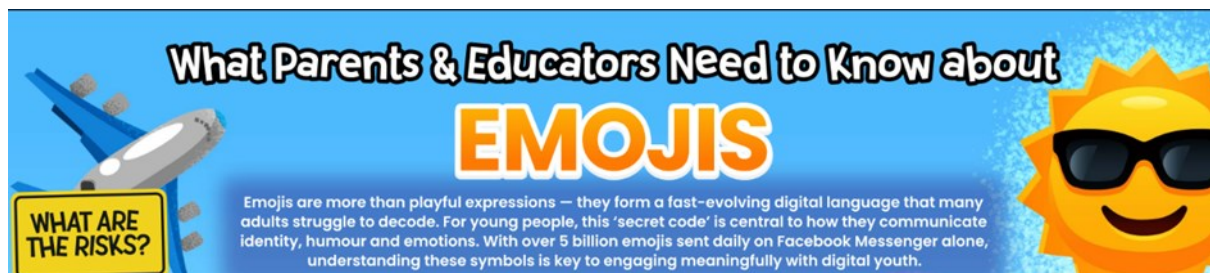
**Respectful:** towards other pupils, adults and school property.

**Responsible:** for their actions and learning, and they show

**Kindness:** towards all staff and pupils.

## Staying Safe Online

This week I would like to bring your attention to the hidden meaning of emojis. If your child uses messaging apps or social media platforms, it's worth knowing what the emojis they're using secretly mean. Below, our emoji guide for parents. Just click on the image.



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## Well Done Year 4

Well Done Year 4 for completing the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this week. You have all worked so hard and we can clearly see how regular practice is helping you to become more confident and fluent. Remember, practice makes perfect, so keep practicing those times tables, it will really help to embed those number facts for life.



This week children across Year 1 to Year 5 have been completing the summer term quizzes for Reading, Maths, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. The adults across the school are really proud of the pupil's resilience and determination to try their best. We look forward to sharing with parents and carers the progress and achievements in the annual reports which will be sent home on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## Level 2 Bikeability

Starting on Monday is Bikeability to those pupils that are signed up. Please don't forget to bring your bike and helmet on Monday.

## Healthy Eating Week

In 2025, Healthy Eating Week, organised by the British Nutrition Foundation (BNF), will take place from June 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, and is titled "Find your healthier you". This year's event will focus on five key themes: information, healthy choices, planning meals, staying hydrated, and staying active. In school next week we will be promoting the importance of a healthy lifestyle and celebrating when healthy choices are made and maintained.



Here's a more detailed breakdown of the week:

- **June 10<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Focus on "Know the facts" with information, health advice, and myth-busting.
- **June 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday):** Emphasize "Make a healthier choice" with tips and tools for making better decisions.
- **June 12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):** Highlight "Plan for success" by encouraging meal planning.
- **June 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** Promote staying hydrated by filling up from the tap.
- **June 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Encourage people to "Keep moving"

## Summer Term Events

Please make sure you check out the school calendar and useful dates in the newsletter to ensure you do not miss out on any of the fun events planned in the coming weeks. Thank you.

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, take care.

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer  
Headteacher





## What's On

### English Riviera Walking Festival

14 June 2025 - 22 June 2025

Visit the Walking Festival [website](#) to view details and book any of the walks. Whether you're a regular hiker, or an infrequent stroller, this family and dog friendly festival will appeal to walkers of all abilities who enjoy exploring the Great Outdoors.

Designed and hosted by an enthusiastic team of professional local guides and enthusiastic volunteers we have created an eclectic selection of half day and full day guided walks, set within the Naturally Inspiring English Riviera including: Torquay, Babbacombe, Paignton and Brixham.

## English Riviera Walking Festival

Guided Walk

Various locations throughout the English Riviera, TORQUAY, Devon, TQ2 5JG



For more local events to get involved in over the coming weeks click on <https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on>



**Nao Victoria in Torquay**

The Nao Victoria Foundation is pleased to announce the arrival of the *Nao Victoria* in Torquay.

We are opening our doors for guided tours for associations at **Haldon Pier - Torquay Harbour** on **June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 8PM**. The price is **£4** per student (with 1 free adult chaperone for every 10 students), and **£8** for others (non-students).

Don't miss the chance to discover the replica of the ship that was the protagonist of the first circumnavigation of the world!

Official Insurance:  murimarseguros

To arrange visits:  
Mail: [ecampos@fundacionnaovictoria.org](mailto:ecampos@fundacionnaovictoria.org)

# Diary Dates

W/C 9th June 2025	Year 4 MTC
W/C 9th June 2025	Healthy Eating Week
W/C 9th June 2025	Bikeability Level 2
W/C 16th June 2025	National Schools Sports Week
W/C 16th June 2025	Hazel Class Start Swimming
16th June 2025	09.30—12.00—KS1 Sports Day
16th June 2025	13.25—15.00—EYFS Sports Day
18th June 2025	National 'Thank a Teacher' Day
19th June 2025	09.30—12.00 KS2 Sports Day
26th June 2025	PTA Summer Disco
27th June 2025	Y6 Additional Transition Day @ Torquay Academy
30th June & 1st July 2025	Parents Evening @ Torquay Academy
4th July 2025	Year 6 Transition Day @ Torquay Academy
W/C 7th July 2025	Reports out to Parents this week
8th July 2025	Y4 Water Confidence
10th July 2025	Y6 Rounders Competition
12th July 2025	11.00—14.00 PTA Summer Fair

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Beech	Mabel is our Star of the Week for her incredible storytelling in English! I'm so proud of how hard she has worked across all her learning, her enthusiasm and effort really shine through in everything she does. Well done, Mabel!
Pine	Halle is our star. She has AMAZED us all with her dedication and focus for learning this week. She makes us giggle everyday and is such a pleasure to teach. Well done Halle!
Oak	Ivy is our star of the week this week! She is always kind and helpful both in and out of the classroom. She has been a superstar when learning the ukulele, listening and joining in.
Apple	Olivia is our star of the week for her amazing dedication to her reading over the last few weeks. You have been quizzing lots and scoring 100% every time! We were also so proud of you for showing off your ukulele skills to the rest of the class with Mr Hopkins - well done!
Holly	It has been lovely to watch the confidence and motivation to learn from Bethany, especially over the last couple of months. However her efforts in her maths must be rewarded by being star of the week. Well done Bethany and keep up the amazing resilience you have been showing.
Willow	Freddie is the star of the week for his active thinking and motivation. He always has his hand up answering questions and contributing to class discussions. He explains his ideas well to others and listens carefully to the comments others make. Well done Freddie you demonstrate super learning behaviour.
Cherry	Cherries star of the week is all of Cherry Class. I have been blown away by their motivation and effort towards the Multiplication Check. Every single child had tried their absolute best and I am so proud of each and every one of them.
Hazel	Alice is our star in Hazel this week. Alice could get star of the week every week, but this week we have been really impressed with her resilience in her maths learning. We're so proud of you, Alice. Keep it up!
Birch	Our star this week is Oscar. He has been incredibly resilient this week and has worked hard particularly in his assessments. All the adults in Birch are proud of you Oscar!
Rowan	This week's star is William, he always shows motivation in Maths but it has been particularly noticeable this week! He has worked so hard on his decimals learning and has really impressed us - keep up the amazing work.
Maple	In Maple class, Bethany is our star. Bethany always shows a positive attitude and has made a real effort this last week to gain Super Six status! She has been aspirational in our writing unit based on WW2, incorporating some powerful personification and metaphors. Bethany has also shown responsibility and respect towards learning the Year 6 production. Keep it up Bethany!
Hawthorn	Ludo is our star and one of our first super 6's because he always demonstrates the correct learning behaviours in class and this week has shown his maturity in being responsible for his own progress in class. He tries his hardest and always asks in the most polite way if he is unsure showing super respect!

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